



Peninsula Arts Foundation

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S Surrey Recreation and Arts Centre

We look forward to the opening in the spring of 2014 of the new addition to the recreation centre. This arts hub will contain an office space for Semiahmoo Arts, a board-room sized meeting space for arts groups, a pottery studio and a large multi-purpose art studio for everything from exhibitions, workshops and courses to film showings and rehearsals and other events. This is a partnership between the City of Surrey, Semiahmoo Arts, the South Surrey White Rock Arts Society, Arts Umbrella, Semiahmoo Potter's and the Surrey Y.M.C.A.

Semiahmoo Arts is an umbrella organization which will represent the art organizations in the community by facilitating events in the new space. The Peninsula Arts Foundation is a member of Semiahmoo Arts and has been using their space this past year for our Art Workshops. As a member we can rent their space for a nominal fee.

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*Join us March 29 for
our next painting
workshop!*

2014 Art Workshops



*Our Last Painting
Birch Tree Workshop*

“Creativity is allowing yourself to make mistakes. Art is knowing which ones to keep.” – [Scott Adams](#)

We really enjoyed the last painting workshop that took place in November. We painted Birch trees and everyone was pleased with the end results.

Join us on March 29th at the Semiahmoo Arts building in Centennial Park for our next workshop. Our instructor will be Ellen Bradley Cheung.

You can book your space by emailing info@peninsulaartsfoundation.org

Space is limited so book early. The cost is \$50 per person (members pay \$40). This includes your materials, refreshments, tote bag and at the end of the class you will have a finished painting. No experience is required.

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(SYTCO) Performs Aladdin
March 8 and 9th



2013 Grant Recipients

Instrumental:

Aidan Wong
Abigail David
Andrea Rada
(White Rock Chamber Music Society Award)
Brandon Lin
Chelsea Isherwood
Dustin Siguoin
(City of White Rock Award)
Jeremy Sheeshka
Nadia Pona
Sunny Shih



Semiahmoo Strings

Piano:

Kyu Young Park (White Rock Chamber Music Society Award)
Arian Hurt

Organizations:

Kiwanis Fraser Valley International Music Festival and
Speech Arts Festival
Semiahmoo House Society
Semiahmoo Strings
Surrey Choral Arts Project Society

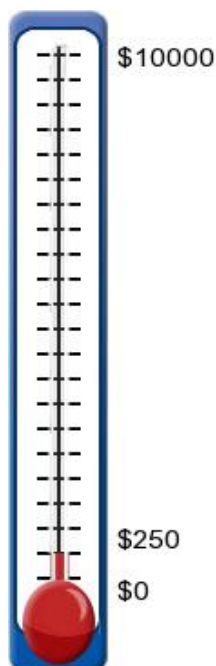
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At this point we are not sure of how we will be able to use the new space but we are excited about the possibilities. Also planned for 2015 is a development on 19th and 152nd which would provide the shell for a 350-seat theatre/performing arts space and a contemporary arts café and gallery. The community needs this facility as the current venues are in high demand and we welcome this new space provided it is affordable to non-profits such as ours.

New Fundraising Goal for 2014

On Nov 9th some of our directors manned a table at Price Smart. We were promoting our organization's cause and bringing awareness to the community by distributing pamphlets and accepting donations. We enjoyed interacting with the shoppers, many of whom were interested in learning more about us. Our foundation has set a goal this year of raising \$10,000 towards a scholarship fund for younger artists. Our current government funding restricts scholarships to post secondary students. We feel that it is equally important to be able to offer assistance to younger artists. We hope you will support us in this new endeavor.



PAF Spotlight – Nadia Pona - Bassoonist

Thank You from Nadia Pona...

We receive thank you letters from our recipients every year, in fact it is a requirement. This particular thank you is so special that we would like to share it, although we only have room for part of it. You can read the entire letter on our website.

“Words may not properly express my appreciation for five(!) years of support, but I’ll do my best regardless. Thank you so much for your assistance over the course of my studies, I can honestly say that I would be in a much less stable place without your continued help...

I moved across the country to face new challenges: making it on my own in Montreal, experiencing -30 degree winter for the first time, and most importantly trying to prove myself as a Masters student on an instrument I still barely new, in one of the best music schools in Canada. It was now more than ever that I really depended on financial assistance, while I worked multiple jobs during my undergrad degree in order to stay afloat, this wasn’t possible due both to time and language constraints. In addition, non-Quebec residents pay an extra \$3,000 or so per year at McGill simply for the being from other provinces, which is incredibly disheartening. Your support really helped make my studies here possible. I’m happy to say that I have made astonishing progress in my time here...

In the last year I began taking my first professional auditions. This was initially a very significant challenge for me, playing under pressure as a pianist was never especially difficult but on bassoon it seemed impossible...



Nadia Pona - Bassoonist

*“Music is what feelings
sound like”*

~Author unknown

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This is the first workshop we will be hosting in 2014. Stay tuned to our website’s events page for future classes. We will be doing one on jewellery making and another silk scarf class too.

Our goal is to broaden our exposure in the community and find new ways to fundraise while having some fun doing it. We hope you will join us and tell your friends about it too.

If there is something that interests you, that you would like to see us do a class on, please email us at info@peninsulaartsfoundation.org



SYTCO Cast of *Little Women* 2013

“Do not fear mistakes – there are none.”

~Miles David

2013 Grant Recipients cont'd from page 2

Surrey Youth Theatre Company
 Semiahmoo Music Society
 Crescent Beach Pipe Band

We also awarded scholarships to:

Earl Mariott Secondary
 Elgin Park Secondary
 Semiahmoo Secondary
 Envision Jazz Festival

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My first audition, for the Kitchener Symphony went well enough that I advanced to the semifinals, making me one of the last four bassoonists standing! Longueil and Winnipeg were less successful, and I used those experiences to try to understand what went wrong, and what kind of work I needed to do in order to succeed. It turns out that gaining a very close understanding of oneself and one's reactions under pressure is an incredibly useful tool in all areas of life... Most importantly, however, was the audition I took a week ago in Ottawa. I'm very proud to say that I won my first professional audition, beating out two much more experienced bassoonists in the final round for a position with one of the bands in the Canadian Forces...

All this to say, the last eight years of my life have been full of changes, adventure and challenges, and throughout all of them, your support has been absolutely instrumental. Without financial aid, I would have had to give up on music long ago, and there is very little else that I am quite as passionate about as this. I owe you a great deal of thanks, and look forward to the day when I can give back to my community and its budding artists and musicians as has been done so many times for me. For a culture without arts and music is not one to be proud of; in the face of budget cuts, reduced funding, and a slow and indolent shift towards business and sports, it is more important than ever to try to support these areas. I hope your Foundation has a long life and continues to allow students such as myself to pursue their passions. Thank you for helping me achieve success with mine. A thousand thanks, and best wishes for the future." Nadia Pona

Our Current board members:

Meryle Ardagh - President/recording secretary
 Mike Sheeshka - Vice President
 Heather Woolley - Past President
 Lorraine Grant - Treasurer
 Annette St. Andrews - Correspondence secretary
 Shirley Boni - Director
 Susan Pendleton - Director
 Mary Wiebe - Director

We would like to welcome Shirley Boni, our newest board member.

New Way to Renew your Membership

Please note that renewal of your membership and making donations can now be done online at www.PeninsulaArtsFoundation.org

*Individual \$25.00 Family \$50
 Group or Corporate \$100
 Prices will be increasing in 2015*

For donations of \$500 or more we will create a scholarship for you representing your family or company upon request.

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